

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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WATER RESOURCE PLANNING

Introduction

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (ITKN) is seeking proposals from qualified teams, organizations, and businesses to provide water planning services on the ITKN Reservation.

Background

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (ITKN) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe whose offices are located on its reservation in North East Kansas and South East Nebraska. The ITKN is governed by the Executive Committee, an elected council chosen by the ITKN General Council which is composed of all eligible members of the Iowa Tribe. The General Council Meeting is a quarterly meeting of which tribal business is conducted and decisions are made by the voting members of the Tribe.

The ITKN has a Land and Water Department that is responsible for water quality, and we are taking steps to expand the capacity of the Department to better understand the action steps to take to enhance clean water access and water sovereignty.

Scope of Work

Selected vendor will provide a brief action plan for successful completion of each task included below:

1. Review previous documents including: 2013 Comprehensive Water Resource Plan, 2017 Addendum, and available supporting studies;
2. Prepare an updated Comprehensive Water Resource Plan incorporating the most current and reliable information available regarding the Tribe's water resources;
3. Develop a planning-level strategy for restoring the Dupuis Hollow Pond to a functional and sustainable condition;
4. Develop a pilot Test Plot Application Plan for evaluating the effectiveness and impact of application of natural fertilizer derived from livestock wastewater;
5. Assess Tribal waterways and contributing drainage areas to identify locations where runoff, drainage infrastructure, erosion, land use, or other conditions may create vulnerabilities to water quality or aquatic resources; and
6. Conduct a planning-level assessment of streambank conditions to identify areas experiencing significant erosion, instability, or other damage.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Proposals must include the following components:

1. Qualifications
 - a. Give a brief description of your organization including background, personnel and other resources, and experience with projects of a similar scope; and
 - b. Describe and provide evidence of relevant certifications.
2. Deliverables

- a. Proposed scope of work to successfully achieve the deliverables
- 3. Cost Proposal
 - a. Cost proposals should include:
 - i. Estimated Costs for the complete scope of work
 - ii. Proposed payment terms (i.e. hourly, monthly, per deliverable, etc.)

Selection Process

- The ITKN Executive Committee and Project Team will evaluate all proposals based on the following criteria:
 - Qualifications and past experience of the vendor
 - The quality of services being provided
 - The cost of services being provided
 - Preference for Tribal and Native-owned businesses

Submission Deadline

- Completed submissions must be received by ITKN staff no later than 5:00pmCT on Tuesday, September 8th 2026.
- Submissions should be submitted electronically (email)
- Please direct all submissions and inquiries to:
 - Misty Slater
 - ITKN Chairwoman
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